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Dear Mr. Miyamoto:

This is in response to your letter received 22 May 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/559,752 filed 06 December 2005. The USPTO records show that the response to Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures was received in the Office on 20 March 2006 and the application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office. An Office action will be issued in due course. Mising Requirements to be issued. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Anita Johnson, Paralegal at the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at (703) 308-9140, extension 226 or to Terry Vessels, Supervisor of Team I, at telephone number (703) 308-9140, extension 221.

Sincerely,

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